

SAINT THERESE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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The Eucharistic Adoration Chapel is open 24/7. An electronic key is needed from 5:00 pm to 6:00 am (available in the office for \$20).

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MASSES AND SERVICES

Monday-Saturday: 6:00 & 8:00 a.m.
Carmelite Cloister: 7:30 a.m.

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 7:30, 9:00, 11:00 a.m., & 5:00 p.m.
Latin High Mass: 1:00 p.m.

Confessions: Wed: 7:00-8:30 p.m.; Sat: 3:30-5:00 p.m.

Daily Rosary: Mon-Sat after the 8:00 a.m. Mass

Exposition/Benediction: Thursdays, 7:00-8:00 p.m.

First Friday: Mass and Confessions: 7:30 p.m.

Baptisms: Once a month on a Saturday

Weddings: Fill out an application (website or office) six months+ in advance

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Anointing of the Sick: Call the office to schedule an appointment.



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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

(Grade School, Confirmation

for Youth & Adults, RCIA, and Liturgical Ministries): Contact the Main office.

"OMISSION CAN LEAD TO COMMISSION,"

What is the sin that is committed in the parable recorded in the 16th Chapter of St. Luke's Gospel that would send this poor sumptuously-dining, well-dressed rich man to a place of torment? Again, isn't our Lord being a little *t-o-o* harsh here? Well, let's unpack and personally reflect on these readings.

Amos describes a person who is slothful, rich, at ease in Zion. He also implies that these people are lazy, lying on beds of ivory, stretched out on couches. Hm-m-m-m-m-m? Now that's an interesting image to reflect upon! Do we know any lazy folks who stretch out on couches? He also describes the rich as being entertained by idle songs and who drink wine from bowls. Here we can imagine nightclubs, overpriced sports bars, or those just sitting idle in front of the TV or computer, binge-watching some mindless series. I'm just throwing out some possible examples to think about. Amos also speaks about the indifference among the Israelites. He says they are not grieved at the ruin of "Joseph" (Joseph is another name for the Northern Kingdom of Israel). So how does indifference apply to us today in our society? Well, maybe we just "go with the flow" when it comes to abortion, or euthanasia, or transgenderism, or folks who live in disordered relationships, such as practicing homosexuals, or the divorced among us who think it's okay to live with their new partner. Again, I'm just throwing out some ideas that might help us resonate on being indifferent. So what are we going to do about it? The silence is deafening. Besides, some might say, *"I'm a good person. I don't hurt anyone. Can't we all just get along and each mind our own business?"* **B-o-o-o-o-o-o-o!**



Let's talk about the nameless rich man in today's Gospel. First of all, our Lord does not describe him as dishonest, as He did about the stealing steward in last Sunday's Gospel. Nor does He present him as an immoral person sleeping with prostitutes, like the Prodigal Son. Actually, the rich man described in today's Gospel might even be a "nice guy," educated, and respected in society. Is he a practicing Jew going to synagogue every week? Is he mindful of the commandments and maybe even prays once in a while? Granted, the Scriptures don't mention any of this, but we can presume some of these things are true. Right? Here is how Jesus describes the rich man: Luxuriously-dressed in purple garments (as a king would wear) and gluttonously-feasting on sumptuous food every night (maybe at Ruth's Chris Steak House?). His sin was not his wealth but his indifference to poor Lazarus, covered with sores and starving. His sin is what we would call the **SIN OF OMISSION**. Decidedly, the rich man's wealth contributed to his being distracted and indifferent to his less fortunate neighbor, Lazarus.

Pope Benedict XVI wrote about the rich man from this parable in his encyclical, *Spe Salvi*: "Jesus admonishes us through the image of a soul destroyed by arrogance and opulence, a soul who has created an impassable chasm between himself and the poor man; the chasm of being trapped within material pleasures; the chasm of forgetting the other, the chasm of the incapacity to love, which then becomes a burning and unquenchable thirst. We must note that in this parable **Jesus is not referring to the final destiny after the Last Judgment**, but is taking up a notion found in early Judaism; namely, that of an intermediate state between death and resurrection, a state in which the final sentence is yet to be pronounced" (No. 44).

Look, we are all tempted to sin and some sins are graver than others are. Yet, seldom do we think of the reality of sin when we are also tempted *NOT* to do good. What? Is it possible to be doing nothing wrong and still be living in sin? Yes! Recall again the nameless rich man in today's Gospel or the indifferent Israelites in the Book of Amos. Their sin is the sin of not doing what they should be doing and not doing what is demanded of them by God's commandment, which is to **Love God and Neighbor**. But "who is my neighbor?," you may ask? How can we ask that question when there are so many references in the Bible that demand us to love the stranger, like the Good Samaritan did; or to love even when you have been taken advantage of, like the Prodigal Son's father was; or to love your enemy like Christ did when He begged His Father for forgiveness for those who crucified Him. Being indifferent to the stranger among us is easy to do and it is also dangerous to our soul!

A Homily by the Pastor, Fr. Philip

(Preached on
September 29, 2019)

Here is another quote on the sin of omission from the Letter of St. James: "**Anyone, then, who knows the good he ought to do and doesn't do it, sins**" (James 4:17). Doing nothing can sometimes be a worse sin than doing something that is bad. Recall again the story of the Prodigal Son that we read at Mass on the 24th Sunday of Ordinary Time. Why didn't the older brother go after his little brother? He obviously knew what his little brother was doing with his inheritance because the older brother tells the father what sins the Prodigal Son committed: "...[he] swallowed up your property with prostitutes...". This is a classic example of the sin of omission because the omission of doing good (like going after your brother when he is living in sin) is the commission of evil! That's right, the sins of the Prodigal Son are also those of the accusing older brother because he failed to do what he ought to have done: rescue his little brother! Can we relate to the sin of the older brother? I can.

In other words, we can avoid doing evil and live hard-working lives and even be considered a "nice guy," but this will not render us sinless. Again, the reason being, as illustrated in the famous stories of the Prodigal Son and his brother and the Poor Rich Man and Lazarus, is that the good we ought to do, that we are not doing, is sin. Here are some practical examples that may help us understand and avoid the sins of omission:

1. It is a sin to lie, **but...**have you ever overheard someone telling a lie about another that could hurt that person's reputation, and you just sat there without defending him or her?
2. It is a sin to steal from another, **but...**have there been times when you could have helped someone who was in serious financial need but you gave him or her nothing? Ponder this quote from Proverbs 3:27: "**Do not withhold good from those who deserve it, when it is in your power to act.**"
3. It is a sin to commit adultery, **but...**have you missed an opportunity to offer counsel to someone in your life living an adulterous life or to one who is addicted to pornography?
4. It is a sin to miss Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation, **but...**do you ever invite any of your friends or loved ones who have fallen away from the Church to join you at Mass?
5. It is a sin to gossip, **but...**what have you said to those who started gossiping in front of you? Did you listen eagerly and just let your curiosity be in control?
6. It is a sin to commit abortion, **but...**have you ever cast your vote for a pro-abortion politician? On the positive side, have you ever taken the time to pray in front of an abortion clinic? Or told a friend or family member in a crisis pregnancy that you will be there to offer your help and your support during her pregnancy and after the child is born?
7. It is a sin to say God's name in vain and to use the name of Jesus in an exclamatory way, **but...**what have you done when someone near you shouted out, "**JESUS CHRIST!**," perhaps in anger or perhaps because the home team made a touchdown? Did you act like it didn't bother you or maybe you even laughed or joined in cheering? (If you *really* want to get a reaction in such a situation, turn off the television the next time that happens.)

There are times in our lives when **NOT** doing something we should do could actually lead to a sin of commission by someone else. Which means the person who did nothing in the face of another's sin is just as guilty of the sin as the person who committed the sin! Indifference, apathy, shrugging one's shoulders, walking away, saying, "it's your life, not mine" or "it's none of my business," are all examples of the sin of omission. Look at it this way, the doing of nothing on your part can be a major cause for the doing of evil on the part of your neighbor.

Take some time this week and reflect on the examples listed above. Who committed the sin of omission in the story of the Good Samaritan?

In the story of the Prodigal Son, can you identify with the older brother who knew about his little brother's sins and did nothing? Or how about the rich man who was indifferent to Lazarus and who carelessly shrugged as he walked by him every day, oblivious to his decay? Maybe we can see Lazarus as a personification of our society today. We are dreadfully decaying away with the deadly sores of immorality, all the while staying silent and doing nothing. Remember, omissions are sins which will be brought into the final judgment. So as we are all preparing for final judgment through the Sacrament of Reconciliation, think about when the last time was that you confessed a sin of omission.



FINANCIAL OFFERINGS *"...for God loves a cheerful giver" (2 Corinthians 9:7)*

May God reward you! Below you will find the total collections for the last few weekends.

NOTE: The second collection on the 2ND WEEKEND each month is for our School (next is November 9 /10).

Because the bulletin editor is on vacation, this bulletin was printed before the weekend of October 12 and 13. Thus, the totals for that weekend, this weekend, and next weekend will be published in the bulletin of November 3rd.

September 14 / 15.... \$27,526.00
 September 21 / 22.... \$19,008.00
 September 28 / 29.... \$13,161.00
 October 5 / 6..... \$17,252.00

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 Please use a donation envelope in order to more easily credit your account.

HOLIDAY LUNCHEON BOUTIQUE FOR THE CARMELITE NUNS

The Auxiliary for the Cloistered Carmelite Nuns INVITES YOU to join us this TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22, for our annual HOLIDAY LUNCHEON BOUTIQUE. This special event will be held at Holy Family Church (Connolly Hall, 1501 Fremont Avenue) in South Pasadena, on the above date. The schedule is: 10:30 a.m.: Boutique and Social Hour; 12:00 p.m.: Luncheon. The donation per person is \$25. To RSVP, call Kathy Cardoza at 570-9012 to see if there is still availability. If there is, then bring your check with you to the lunch and pay on site.



COR JESU YOUTH MINISTRY



The next Cor Jesu Night is this coming Friday, October 25, beginning at 6:15 p.m. The theme will be "Pride versus Humility". The schedule is:

- 6:15 p.m.: Pizza/Social
- 6:45 p.m.: "LEAD Teams" for Skits & Testimonials and Mixers; Cenacles with Mentors
- 8:15 p.m.: Holy Hour and Confessions

The 2019-2020 calendar and registration form can be found on the tables by the church doors AND on the website under the Cor Jesu link. A FEE of \$20 per youth/child

(for 2019-2020) covers pizza socials for the year (a maximum fee of \$40 will be charged per any family with two or more youth/children registered).

This month's Cor Jesu SERVICE OUTREACH will be a LIFE CHAIN and will be on Saturday, October 26, from 10:30 a.m. to Noon, at Planned Parenthood in Pasadena. Park at St. Therese and carpool to the site. For more info on the service outreach, contact Catherine Contreras at catherine@voxvitae.org.

CATHOLIC KARATE CLASSES

The following KARATE CLASSES will resume Thursday, November 14, from 6:45 to 7:45 p.m.

-New Youth (Boys & Girls from 7 to 17) –Learn to defend yourself; understand why you're worth protecting; and earn your black belt. Meet from 5:15 to 5:55 p.m.

-Yellow & Orange Belts meet from 6:00 to 6:40 p.m.

-Men's Classes (18-60)—Learn to protect yourself and your family. Meet 6:45 to 7:45 p.m.

Classes are held in the Parish Hall; register on site. Please arrive 15 minutes early!

FEES:

One Youth: \$10 per week; 2nd Youth: +\$7 per week; 3rd Youth: +\$7 per week; Additional Youths: +\$5 per week. Pay in full to save \$1 per week, per kid!

Men: \$10 per week, plus a \$5 registration fee.

QUESTIONS? Email John at SenseiJohnWrot@gmail.com.

Rummage Sale!



Don't forget to check your closets, garages, basements, attics, etc., to gather all the things you no longer need or want but which are still in good useable condition (no junk please!). Please bring small items to the office and larger items to the Bro. John Room (entrance on El Molino between the church entrance and the office entrance) during our open hours. If you have larger items or LOTS of stuff, stop by the office

first so we can lend you a key for the basement door. You're also invited to **COME TO THE SALE on November 9 and 10.**

October is Rosary Month!

When the Mother of Jesus appeared to the three shepherd children in Fatima in 1917, her plea at each appearance was, "Pray the Rosary!"



If you have allowed this devotion to fade away from your prayer life or have never had a Rosary devotion, you are encouraged to begin praying the Rosary now.

Pray the Rosary for World Peace! Pray the Rosary for an end to abortion! Pray the Rosary in reparation for sin! Pray the Rosary every day!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

* **STRE** (Kindergarten through 8th Grade, including Eucharist Preparation): Classes are in session **today, Sunday, October 20, and on Sunday, November 3.**

• **CONFIRMATION** (High School): Classes for **Second Year (C2)** are today, **Sunday, October 20, and Tuesday, October 22.** The next classes for **First Year (C1)** will be on **Sunday, November 3, and Tuesday, November 5, at 7:00 p.m.**

• **RCIA:** If you wish to become Catholic or to complete your Sacraments, join us! Classes are held in the Parish Meeting Room on **most Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m.** Upcoming dates are October 24 and November 7, 14, and 21.

BIBLE STUDY GUIDEBOOKS



Study Guide books for our current Bible study, "*The Prophets: Messengers of God's Mercy*," are available now for any persons wishing

to watch lecture presentations online and do individual studies at their own pace.

If interested, call Debbie Robles at 679-6370 to register, drop off a \$30 book fee (checks payable to St. Therese Church), then pick up your Guide from the Rectory. For more information, visit www.ascensionpress.com or contact Debbie at 679-6370 or debrobles@me.com.

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Some recommendations for the rest of the month of October are: St. Faustina; Our Lady of the Rosary; Venerable Pope Pius XII and St. Denis; The Maternity of the Blessed Virgin and the feast of St. Maria Soledad. There are also many options to choose from in order to learn about St. Francis of Assisi, including movies and cartoons. Also, "The 13th Day" is one of **28 choices** of movies, documentaries, audios, and eBooks on Fatima. Find your interests by using the search feature.

AVILA YOUNG ADULT SILENT RETREAT

**"Saint Theresse:
The Little Way
in Today's World"**



November 8, 9, and 10, 2019

The Discalced Carmelite Friars and the Avila Young Adults of Alhambra and Tucson invite all



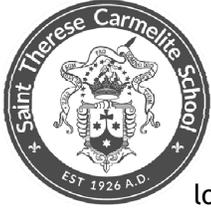
young adult Catholics (singles or couples in their 20s and 30s) to join them for this silent retreat from **November 8 through 10**. The theme is **"Saint Theresse: The Little Way in Today's World"**. The retreat will include conferences, adoration, private prayer and reflection, opportunities for spiritual direction/confession, Holy Mass, Lauds/Vespers, and a Eucharistic Procession. It will begin and end with a social.

The fee is \$155 per person, which includes two nights accommodation and six meals. Space is limited! **To reserve your room**, please mail your non-refundable deposit of \$50 to: El Carmelo Retreat House, Post Office Box 8067, Redlands, CA 92374 (must be paid by check or money order only—no debit or credit cards—made out to "El Carmelo Retreat House").



Along with your deposit, please include your name, phone number, and your email address. For more info on the retreat, go to "Avila Outreach Young Adults" on Facebook or contact Dalal by **TEXT** at (619) 333-9619 or **EMAIL** at dalalsaid@gmail.com. For questions about your deposit/fee, email elcarmeloh@gmail.com or call Nellie at (909) 792-1047.

SCHOOL NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY



SAINT THERESSE CARMELITE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NONDISCRIMINATION POLICY FOR 2019-2020:

The School, mindful of its mission to be a witness to the love of Christ for all, admits students regardless of race, color, national origin, and/or ethnic origin to all rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the School. The School does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, disability, medical condition, sex, or national and/or ethnic origin in the administration of educational policies and practices, scholarship programs, and athletic and other School-administered programs, although certain athletic leagues and other programs may limit participation and some Archdiocesan schools operate as single-sex schools. While the school does not discriminate against students with special needs, a full range of services may not always be available to them. Decisions concerning the admission and continued enrollment of a student in the School are based upon each student's emotional, academic, and physical abilities and the resources available to the School in meeting the student's needs.

PERSIST!

Today's readings are about persistence. Exodus tells of a battle won despite weariness because Moses, with help from Aaron and Hur, held his hands upraised. Timothy asks that same persistence of his community and us. Luke tells of a court case won by a widow, despite the dishonesty of the judge, because she will not leave him alone. The Psalm reminds us that God is everywhere, guarding us from harm day and night, coming and going, now and forever. The readings are about the relentless, unwavering pursuit of what must not be lost. The readings are about God's passionate persistence in pursuing us, seeking to win our hearts.

Mass Intentions

**For the Week of
October 19 through October 26, 2019**

Saturday:

5:00 p.m.: Charitt Torres, INT

Sunday

*7:30 a.m.: Lucia Nguyen, INT

7:30 a.m.: Alexander, Lauren, and Ellena Cheah, INT

9:00 a.m.: Lauren Cheah, INT

11:00 a.m.: Anita Lim and Family, INT

1:00 p.m.: (Latin): Parishioners

5:00 p.m.: Darey, Penny, Tristan, and Zarah Huo, INT

Monday:

6:00 a.m.: Genaro Adelaida Hernandez, INT

*7:30 a.m.: Lucia Nguyen, INT

8:00 a.m.: John Mizerski, RIP

Tuesday:

6:00 a.m.: Angelle Francisse & Karina Therese, INT

*7:30 a.m.: Sr. Teresa, OCD, INT

8:00 a.m.: Rodolfo & Carmelita Deypalan, Anniv INT

Wednesday:

6:00 a.m.: Salvador, Adelaida, & Sergio Hernandez, INT

*7:30 a.m.: John Okamoto, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Maria V. Lucas, RIP

Thursday:

6:00 a.m.: Adelaida G. Hernandez, INT

*7:30 a.m.: Lucia Nguyen, INT

8:00 a.m.: Maria de Socorro, RIP

Friday:

6:00 a.m.: Lourdes Socorro & Maria G. Hernandez, INT

*7:30 a.m.: Theresa Emily Dao, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Hermie Marcos, Birthday Intention

Saturday:

6:00 a.m.: Kuo-Shang, Yu-Mei, and Tai-Seng Huo, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Carmelite Community

8:00 a.m.: Maria de Socorro, RIP

*Held at the Carmelite Chapel, 215 East Alhambra Road. Open to the public except on Sundays and holidays.

Floral Dedications

This week's Dedication is:

♥ In Honor of
Pat and Ernie
O'Connor
on the Occasion of
their 60th Wedding
Anniversary



Make a dedication in someone's honor, for a special occasion, or in memory of loved ones! Bouquets are \$50+ each. Call Giovanna at 281-9049.

Outside the Parish

"John Paul II & the New Evangelization" Dinner Conference on Sat., October 26, from 6-9 p.m., at St. Charles Borromeo, North Hollywood. Enjoy a delicious dinner and an inspiring talk by San Fernando Pastoral Region Auxiliary Bishop Alex Aclan as he shares his insights on Pope St. John Paul II and the New Evangelization. Tickets are \$75. To purchase yours and for more info, visit www.JP2dinnerconference.eventbrite.com.

Fr. Stephen Watson, OCD, a former pastor of ours, will lead a 6-day SPIRITUAL PILGRIMAGE to Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine in Mexico City (December 8 to 13). \$1,599 per person, double occupancy. For more info, contact Beth Maddatu at (408) 903-6305 or maddatubeth@gmail.com.

HELP FOR MARRIAGES: 82% of marriages that complete the nine month *Retrouvaille* (REH-tro-v-eye) program are still together five years later? Your marriage and family are worth trying this successful Catholic, non-profit program. For questions or registration, make a confidential call to 909-900-5465 or visit www.HelpOurMarriage.com.

Lectors

Saturday

5:00 p.m. Larry Dumont / Alice Cheung

Sunday

7:30 a.m. Thu Nguyen / Blanca Ruvalcaba

9:00 a.m. Rosa Natividad / John Kienker

11:00 a.m. Lucy Lopez / Pat Cervantes

5:00 p.m. Heinrich Ranches

Personal Ads

LADY SEEKS TO RENT A ROOM. Call Irene Morales at 250-8639.

SEEKING CARETAKERS for my elderly mother: 1) live-in Monday through Friday and 2) live in on weekends. Call 500-7612 for an interview.

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